Application Serial No. 10/616,977 Attorney Docket No. 7040.0075.01 Supplemental Preliminary Amendment—Filed December 8, 2003

REMARKS

Applicant submits this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment ("Preliminary Amendment"), accompanied by a Response to Notice to File Corrected Application Papers.

In this Preliminary Amendment, Applicant adds section headings, section subheadings, and an Abstract of the Disclosure to conform to U.S. practice. Additionally, Applicant cancels, without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 15-29, and adds new claims 30-44, which include the same subject matter as the original claims, to improve clarity.

Before entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 15-29 were pending in this application. After entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 30-44 are pending in this application.

The originally-filed specification, claims, abstract, and drawings fully support the amendments to the specification and the addition of both the Abstract of the Disclosure and new claims 30-44. No new matter was introduced.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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